

In the claims:

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5 CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-17, without prejudice, and substitute the following claims therefor:

18. A method for operating a mobile terminal in a mobile radio system, the method comprising the steps of:

10 defining at least one non-use range in which use of the mobile terminal is not desired, the non-use range being a chronological period;

monitoring within the mobile radio system whether the non-use range is reached; and

15 initiating an action with the mobile radio system if the non-use range has been reached, the action being initiated independently of a current location of the mobile terminal.

19. A method for operating a mobile terminal in a mobile radio system as claimed in claim 18, the method further comprising the steps of:

20 defining the non-use range by a subscriber to the mobile radio system who is assigned to the mobile terminal; and

signaling, via the subscriber, the non-use range to one of the mobile radio system and a corresponding mobile radio service provider.

25 20. A method for operating a mobile terminal in a mobile radio system as claimed in claim 18, the method further comprising the step of:

transmitting a message, to the mobile terminal which requests a subscriber assigned to the mobile terminal to switch off the mobile terminal, automatically as an action for the non-use of the mobile terminal in the mobile radio system.

21. A method for operating a mobile terminal in a mobile radio system as claimed in claim 20, wherein the message is transmitted to the mobile terminal in the form of a short message, the short message being represented on a display of the mobile terminal.

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22. A method for operating a mobile terminal in a mobile radio system as claimed in claim 20, wherein the message is transmitted in the form of a call to the mobile terminal.

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23. A method for operating a mobile terminal in a mobile radio system as claimed in claim 18, the method further comprising the step of:

actuating a call forwarding facility, which automatically forwards calls for the mobile terminal to a receiver assigned to the mobile terminal, in the mobile radio system at an action for the non-use of the mobile terminal.

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24. A method for operating a mobile terminal in a mobile radio system as claimed in claim 18, the method further comprising the step of:

using signaling of a call to the mobile terminal as an action for the non-use of the mobile terminal.

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25. A method for operating a mobile terminal in a mobile radio system as claimed in claim 18, the method further comprising the step of:

transmitting an appropriate optical signal from the mobile radio system to a subscriber to the mobile radio system, who is assigned to the mobile terminal, as an action for the non-use of the mobile terminal .

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26. A method for operating a mobile terminal in a mobile radio system as claimed in claim 18, the method further comprising the step of:

30 deactivating, automatically, the mobile terminal within the mobile radio system as an action for the non-use of the mobile terminal.

27. A method for operating a mobile terminal in a mobile radio system as claimed in claim 18, the method further comprising the step of:

selecting and initiating, automatically, a specific action of a plurality of available actions for the non-use of the mobile terminal as a function of an 5 instantaneous distance from the non-use range, a severity of the selected action increasing as a distance from the non-use range decreases.

28. A method for operating a mobile terminal in a mobile radio system as claimed in claim 18, the method further comprising the step of:

10 displaying, automatically, on a display of the mobile terminal a corresponding message which provides information on the instantaneous operating state of the mobile terminal after the initiation of an action for the non-use of the mobile terminal.

15 29. A method for operating a mobile terminal in a mobile radio system as claimed in claim 18, the method further comprising the step of:

reversing the initiated action for the non-use of the mobile terminal if the mobile terminal leaves the non-use range again.

20 30. A mobile radio system, comprising:

at least one base station;
at least one mobile terminal;
a mobile radio channel via which communication between the at least one base station and the at least one mobile terminal is transmitted, at least one non-use 25 range being defined in which use of the mobile terminal is not desired; and
control parts for monitoring whether the non-use range is reached, the control parts configured such that an action for non-use of the mobile terminal is initiated if the non-use range has been reached, a chronological period being defined as the non-use range, and an action for the non-use of the mobile terminal 30 being initiated independently of a current location of the mobile terminal if the non-use range has been reached.